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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate Northeast winds, cloudy with
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Chilly Reception For Madame Chiang

Washington, Dec. 1.—A frosty morning, a chilly press and a cool officialdom greeted Madame Chiang Kai-shek when she arrived in Washington today to seek American aid for her husband's retreating armies in China.

No appointments were fixed for her. President Truman's calling list for the day omitted her name. State Department officials said they knew of no immediate plans for her to meet either the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, who is in hospital, or the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett.

Madame Chiang maintained the silence that she imposed on herself on her arrival at San Francisco yesterday. Her answer to all reporters' queries was "No comment."

It appeared that she meant to make no public pronouncements until she had talked with high American officials. The reception is due to get from those officials, however, is universally expected to be unresponsive.—Reuter.

DR KOO'S APPEAL

New York, Dec. 1.—China's Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Wellington Koo, appealing today for swift American aid, said the Chinese Government was ready to accept "corruption proof" American control of expenditure.

In a speech Dr. Koo declared that "If China falls behind the Iron Curtain Asia will lose her freedom."

"As the grave situation stands today, time is of the essence."

"It may be a little late but it is not too late yet."

The Envoy made his speech after conferring in Washington with Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of China's President, who arrived there today to appeal for new American backing for the Nanking Government.

Dr. Koo declared that the Communist forces advancing on Nanking are aided and abetted, by a mighty external power.—Reuter.

ANOTHER FATAL AIR CRASH

Paris, Dec. 1.—Two people were killed and six injured—when a Halifax transport plane belonging to a French company crashed after taking off in thick fog from Bron Aerodrome, near Lyons, today.

A woman from Casablanca and one of her children were killed. The pilot, the radio operator and the mechanic were taken to hospital.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Actions Speak Loudest

How much is to be hoped from the "back door" negotiations in Paris on the Berlin dispute? Certainly the plan upon which Dr. Brumagin is working has the merit of common sense. The main obstacle to a settlement of the Moscow negotiations was, at any rate on the surface, the inability of the four Military Governors to agree upon practical measures for carrying out the "directive" agreed to on August 30. And in Paris the main obstacle has seemed to be that the Western Powers refuse to engage in new currency negotiations while the blockade continues, while the Soviets have refused to lift the blockade until the new currency talks have ended in agreement. Now, Dr. Brumagin suggests, the Security Council itself, with the aid of information supplied by the experts of the four Powers, will produce a plan for a currency change-over. It will ask that the blockade shall be lifted while currency arrangements are put into operation. The target date for completing the whole operation is December 20. The plan is ingeniously devised to break two deadlocks at once. What the four Military Governors failed to do the Council itself will do. And in so doing, it gets rid of all need for further negotiations about currency, and therefore, all dispute whether they shall come before or after the lifting of the blockade. Dr. Brumagin's offer should, on the face of things, have a good chance of success given two conditions. One is that the Soviet Government genuinely desires a settlement; the

Billions In Aid For China

Washington, Dec. 1.—The United States has supplied at least \$3,500,000,000 in aid to China since the start of World War II, according to an estimate in an article in the current issue of the American Foreign Service Journal, the organ of American diplomats.

Some of the help has been in cash, some in merchandise. The amount includes \$400,000,000 provided by Congress last April. Of that amount \$109,041,324 was for military assistance.

The assistance provided prior to the end of the war with Japan was calculated at \$1,469,400,000.

The post-war aid was estimated at \$2,028,800,000.

The post-war figure included \$400,000,000 Congressional appropriation last April, surplus military supplies estimated at \$181,500,000 and the 72 per cent share that the United States paid on goods supplied by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

The magazine's estimate did not include the rift of 98 naval vessels and "other more intangible items."—Reuter.

BRITONS THREATENED BY TIENSIN TROOPS: UGLY DEMONSTRATION

Night Of Tension Marks Eve Of Evacuation

Tientsin, Dec. 2.—Excitement and tension gripped Tientsin last night as evacuees prepared to board the Jardine steamer, *Wingsang*, sailing for Hongkong this morning. Unruly Nationalist soldiers provoked fear and dismay on the eve of the first major British evacuation by adopting aggressive blackmail tactics against British enterprises.

They threatened to impose physical violence upon the managers and other responsible persons in several British and other foreign concerns. As trouble spread in the heart of the city, the bankruptcy of control over these elements was apparent.

Soldiers made demands for sums of money leaving little room for bargaining. They advanced on foreign-owned concerns in sizable mobs of uniformed men. Police constables did not intervene. All yesterday, foreign concerns were systematically invaded by these mobs and by nightfall, with excitement at its highest, the demands for money had not relaxed.

At the same time, General Fu Tso-yi's conscription programme spread confusion in the city as hundreds of clerks in reputable British and other concerns vanished overnight to avoid being inducted into the army. Scores of families of many "untraceable" potential conscripts have been detained in an effort to compel the return of the unwilling subjects.

Only a few enterprising young men succeeded in remaining out of uniform by buying replacements.

At a meeting attended by about 50 newspapermen last night, the Garrison Command representative, Chiu Chuang-huan, outlined four censorship principles for them to observe:

1.—The Political Section of the Garrison Headquarters will continue to supply news for publication, if any.

He urged the suppression of rumours and unqualified stories until officially confirmed.

2.—The Central News Agency's versions of developments in areas outside North China will be released by Headquarters and they must not be contradicted.

3.—No military withdrawals or strategic retreats are publishable until released by the Central News Agency or the Garrison Headquarters.

4.—Newspaper editorials must not mention defeats or anything contrary to the policy of the Government. Reuter.

NOT EVACUATING

Nanking, Dec. 1.—The Chinese Government tonight officially denied contemplating the removal of the capital from Nanking but at the same time it declared that it was considering assistance to those civil servants who wish to send their dependents to rural homes.

Stating that rumours had been current that the Government may remove the capital from Nanking, Dr Hollington Tong, the Government Information Minister, said: "I wish to declare most emphatically that these rumours are entirely without foundation and the Government has not given any consideration to the question of removal."

Dr Tong stated, however: "With a view to conserving food and other essential supplies in the capital and also removing a possible source of worry among its personnel, the Government is considering assistance to those who wish to send their dependents to rural homes."

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He told the court he had been known as "Sidney Stanley" for over 25 years. He denied he had had any other names during that period except "Reichland."

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Prize-Winning Legs



Communists Start A Fist Fight In Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 1.—Communist hecklers precipitated a violent fist fight in Western Berlin on Wednesday night when they tried to break up a political rally.

It was the first outbreak since a Communist-called meeting in the Soviet sector on Tuesday declared the regular city government out of office and elected a new Red regime by a show of hands.

An audience of several hundred in Neukolln was being urged on Wednesday by Social Democrat speakers to turn out a big vote against Communism in next Sunday's elections when the Communist hecklers interrupted.

THROWN OUT

A dozen men began throwing punches. German police, with the enthusiastic aid of the Social Democrats, threw the rowdies out of the hall. Outside the hecklers sang the "Internationale". There were no arrests.

Scores of similar rallies are scheduled for the remainder of this week in all parts of Western Berlin, and the West German police have been alerted to keep order.

Police said there was no way of telling whether the hecklers came from the Soviet sector of Berlin since none was arrested. Berliners are still free to circulate from one sector to another.

The Western Military Government announced on Wednesday night that no members of the police can engage in any political activity beyond mere party membership.

MAYOR LOCKED OUT

Meanwhile, the Communists began entrenching themselves in the city hall in Eastern Berlin. They locked the regular mayor out of his office in the Soviet sector, pried his furniture in the corridor, tore his name off the door and prepared to install the Communist regime chosen by a show of hands at their Tuesday mass meeting.

The freely elected city council countered by declaring guilty of treason any of its executive officers who participated in naming the rival Communist government. Meeting in the British sector, the Council demanded the resignation of such officials who are members of the Social Unity—Communist dominated—party, known as the SED. The resolution, which was understood to be aimed at a deputy mayor and a leading assemblyman, also took away most of the party rights of Social Unity members of the city council.

The division of Berlin along East-West lines was thus solidified following the action of the Communists in setting up a new city administration under Friedrich Ebert.

The Western Allied Military Governors continued to label the "election" an illegal putsch and a mockery of Democratic processes.—Associated Press.

ROVER SCOUT'S GALLANTRY

Grimsby, Dec. 1.—Rover Scout Leader Lawrence Kelley, aged 31, of the 6th Grimsby Group, Humberside, has been awarded the Silver Cross for gallantry and presence of mind in rescuing from drowning a child trapped in a pram in the River Head last August.

Although a non swimmer, Kelley dived down and unstrapped the child and brought it to the surface. The child recovered.—Reuter.

Suicide Suspected

Hollywood, Dec. 1.—Raymond McCauley, 44, film director and brother of the noted director-producer, Leo McCauley, has been found dead in his apartment. Police suspect suicide.—United Press.

Bribery Probe: Stanley Gives Evidence

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London, Dec. 1.—Sidney Stanley, the key figure in the Government enquiry into allegations of corruption in public life, claimed today that he had offered Members of Parliament "all the money they wanted" for an organisation to fight Communism.

Stanley, giving evidence for the first time, declared his offer was made at a dinner party. Mr. Morgan Phillips, secretary to the Labour Party, was there.

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Its circulation, said Stanley, went up to 100,000. Most of the copies went to Europe.

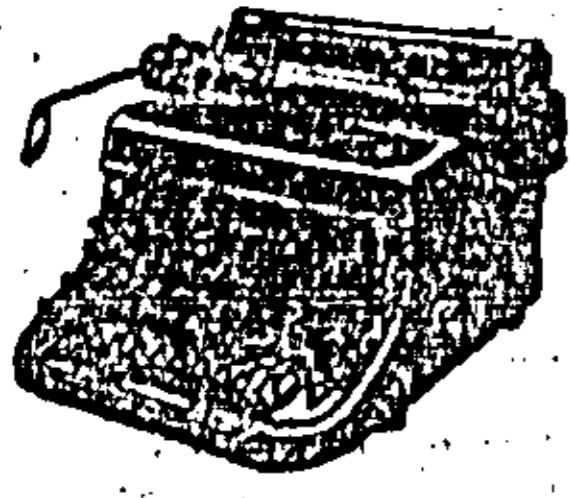
Stanley agreed that he had given Mr. Gibson cigars and had given Mr. Belcher a gold cigarette case worth £200 or £270, "after knowing him for almost two years and against his wishes."

He said he paid the Belcher family's hotel bill at Margate during the Labour Party Conference there because he had originally asked them to stay at his house, but found he had not enough accommodation.

Stanley said he had gone to boxing matches and greyhound races with Mr. Belcher but had never given money to him for betting. Stanley denied lending money to Mr. Gibson or Mr. Charles Key, Minister of Works, or any other Government official. He had sometimes paid Belcher 10 shillings admissions to the greyhound racing and had given him meals.

Stanley declared emphatically that Mr. Belcher "had never done anything for anybody" in his official capacity. He had always referred the matter to the proper channels at the Board of Trade. He added that he had taken people wanting advice about business matters to see Mr. Belcher, and was a frequent visitor himself at the Board of Trade. "It was an advantage to have easy access to Mr. Belcher and expedite matters that might otherwise be forgotten in the busy regular

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Learn How to Really Relax

Courtesy RKO Radio Pictures
Know how to really relax, advises Movie Star Jacqueline White, and you'll never be troubled with nervous tension.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NOW is the time when there is a possibility of a mid-season slump. Not enough fresh air and sunlight. If you are as busy as a whole hive full of bees you had better learn how to relax. Maybe you have forgotten how, with all your rushing about, with Thim at your heels. Women were never so active, never in such dire need of

catching a few restful moments now and then. Unless you have them, don't expect that you can avoid the beauty griefs that the birthdays bring—wrinkles, grey hair, changes in the sweet silhouette.

Learn to conserve energy; don't waste your strength needlessly. Pretties of the movies understand all about that; they take wonderful care of themselves, like if they didn't

they couldn't hold down their tinying jobs.

Avoid nervous tension. You can do that by organising your life, learning how to do your work restfully. Tension means that muscles are tight, especially the muscles of the face. Under such conditions the feminine countenance is bound to look hard and brittle.

Don't think too much about the tasks that are before you. Thinking about them, dreading them, is almost as exhausting as doing them.

Whenever possible, do bit of exercise. Lie on your back. Let every muscle go limp. Close your eyes, take long, deep breaths.

Relax before getting into bed. A good way to do that is to attend to your good looks chores. Brush your hair; it will love to be caressed. Give yourself a three minute scalp massage; unless, the scalp is in good condition you can't expect your hair to sprout to have life and lustre. Cream your complexion, rubbing upward and outward with the finger tips. Do circles around your eyes. Use the cream on your finger nails, rubbing it into the surrounding cuticle. Give your elbows a brisk lubrication.

Add to
Kitchen
Shelf Space

By ELEANOR ROSS

PRACTICAL AND PRETTY tells the story of indoors winter wear. Out are the fluffy robes and, instead, the emphasis is on robes of the type depicted here today. But luxury has not been sacrificed for simplicity, as is shown in this robe of beautiful pale blue satin. The blue is the background for the wine red calico print that makes it young and gay. It has deep patch pockets, and there is wine red satin piping at all edges. This model has a flared back and is made dress length. It is quilted and padded for extra warmth.

Beauty Hints

Combs should have fairly blunt teeth. Steel or wire combs should NOT be used.

Brushes must have firm bristles, never metal "bristles". Softer bristle brushes are excellent for "polishing" the hair.

For small plumb hands, choose small, sparkling stones. An overly elaborate ring would not be flattering. Be sure to wear your nail in an elongated oval, never pointed.

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OF COURSE I'LL BE THERE, WITHOUT FAVOR FROM RED RIDER! INDIAN BE IN HEAD DAD FIX!

BY FRED HARMAN

Around The
Town
with Mercia
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IT is quite an event to have Prince Axel amongst us as we so seldom have royal visitors to the Colony. He is a second cousin of the present King of Denmark, is tall, athletic-looking and has a charming manner. He speaks excellent English and has a keen sense of humour.

Today the Prince is lunching with Mr. T. V. Soong in Canton but will be back for tea. He came out as chairman of the East Asiatic Company.

The Prince was married to Princess Margaret of Sweden in 1939 and has two sons, Prince George 23, and Prince Fleming, 20. One is attached to the Embassy in London, and the other is in the Navy.

There was talk at one time of Prince George being a possible suitor for Princess Margaret but Prince Axel says that our papers seem to know more about it than he does.

His Royal Highness is staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Called on Sir Victor Sassoon yesterday for a chat and found a good conversationalist, friendly, amiable and with a lively sense of fun. He is still every inch a 'bon vivant' and, despite his greying hairs, has a great deal of the energy and sparkle of youth, especially in his eyes.

He can give an opinion on anything, and often makes statements to the press which he hopes aren't taken too seriously.

He has been offered an attractive sum for his biography by some leading publishers. He has met a great many interesting people in his time, Churchill among them. Going back over his life, he regrets nothing, and would live it all over again.

Talking about Shanghai, Sir Victor said there were about 4,000 possible evacuees in case of trouble, but that a few hundred people, comprising consular officials and leading businessmen, would have to stay behind.

He is leaving on Saturday for Honolulu, and then he goes on to Buenos Aires, where he has interests in a penicillin factory. Sir Victor travels without a secretary and prefers to do most of his own work when on a voyage.

Prof. Cheng How-lou, who studied biophysics at University College, London, for about two years on a British Council scholarship is on his way to Peking after a week here, to continue teaching at the University, and to carry on research work in plant physiology. He has interested himself in the sensitivity and action currents in plants, and says the mimosa is one of the most sensitive.

Prof. Lou also talked of several carnivorous plants he has found in the Colony such as the bladderwort—a good mosquito trap—which is found in ricefields, the sundew, a delicate red flower, and the nyctenias, a green tubelike plant, known to Chinese as the "pig's cage plant."

Women's skirts are on the upward trend again, says Mrs. Ruth Horner, who gave ladies the latest fashion news from Paris at the Women's International Club yesterday evening.

Fashionable women are wearing hem 14 inches from the ground. Styles vary, however, and women wear what suits them best. Be it Empire or nipped waist or flounces.

This news was greeted with satisfaction by the ladies present, who really came to watch a demonstration of Mrs. Horner's makeup art.

A "volunteer" was transformed with deftly applied makeup, and some of Mrs. Horner's hints are worth passing on:

Always apply cream in an upward direction.

With thin lips do not use too deep a shade of lipstick.

Keep bushy eyebrows tidy, rather than whittle them down too much.

Mrs. Horner will repeat her talk at the Helena May Institute and for the Ladies' Section of the YMCA. She will also broadcast.

Peaked, Pert and Pretty



By ALICE ALDEN

SLEEK LITTLE HATS that rise to Fashioned of steel gray velours, this pretty peaked heights appear in many of the collections. Young Pinocchio 'bonnet by Harryson.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Where Could Willy Go In Winter?

—All the Friends Invited Him to Visit—

By MAX TRELL



KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was talking to his friend Willy Toad. Usually Willy sat on top of the mushroom (or perhaps it was a toadstool). But the weather had turned cold. The mushroom had disappeared. The softest thing Willy could find to sit on was a patch of brown moss at the bottom of a ditch. However, he seemed quite cheerful.

"The ditch isn't the most elegant place to live," he said to Knarf. "But I don't really mind. I expect to go away for the winter. I'll only be here for a few days."

"Are you really going away?" Knarf asked in surprise.

"Certainly," said Willy. "You don't suppose I'm going to stay in this cold ditch all winter, do you?"

"No," said Knarf. "I didn't think you would. But where are you going?"

Going South

"South," said Willy, "where it's warm. There's nothing like a trip south for the winter. Quite a few of my friends are going south. They've invited me to stay with them. The only trouble is," he added, "I don't know which of them to go with."

Knarf wanted to know more about this, so Willy explained.

"Well, the Robins invited me to stay under a palm tree where they have their winter nest."

"Oh!" said Knarf. "That sounds wonderful. Are you going to do it?"

"I can't make up my mind," said Willy. "The Swallows invited me to. They have a fine place for me under a banana tree."

"A banana tree!" Knarf gasped. "That's most wonderful than a palm tree! Did you tell them you'd do it?"

Knarf shook his head. "No," he said. "It's because of the Larks. They invited me to stay under a coconut tree."

Knarf could hardly talk for excitement. "I hope you're going to do it!" he finally managed to say.

"I don't know," said Willy. "You see, the Thrushes also invited me. They want me to stay under a fig tree. And the Orioles asked me. They invited me to stay under a date tree. So now I don't know what to do."

Knarf was just about to suggest that Willy could spend the winter

As soon as Knarf and Willy returned the greeting, Blinkie Mole said: "I just heard you talking about those wonderful trees you were thinking of staying under for the winter, Willy. Of course, I can't give you an invitation that's nearly as good as any of those. But my house is under the roots of that old apple tree that you see growing at the edge of the ditch, and if you'd like to spend the winter with me, you're welcome. There's no sun. There aren't any palms or bananas, or coconuts or figs or dates but there's plenty of room for you to stretch out and snooze until the spring comes here again."

Knarf looked at Willy. It didn't take Willy a minute to make up his mind. He hopped right into the opening behind the stone. "Nothing like being under an old apple tree," he said, as he disappeared inside Blinkie Mole's underground house.

Rupert and Margot—6



Horace doesn't explain what he means by calling part of the wood dangerous, but only turns and disappears into the bush again. "We must be going the right way, anyhow," says Reggie, "because you picked up her handkerchief near here." So the three pals push along a looppath until the wood becomes thicker. They call Margot's name, but there is no reply. Then Rupert pauses. "There's a neighbour here," he says. "Let's look at it." "I do hope this path isn't private," says Margot.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



FLYING CAMEL—Susanne Moritz goes for a ride on this camel, mascot of the 86th Fighter Wing in Berlin. Lt Donald Butterfield keeps a close eye on the youngster, as do the other happy children. Arriving with the camel on a plane were 7,000 pounds of food and candy for the Christmas season.



MARSHALL PLAN IN ACTION—A lighter, appropriately named "Hope," takes on the first shipment of steel to arrive in England under the Marshall Plan. The steel will be made into machinery as part of England's effort to rebuild domestic peace-time industry.



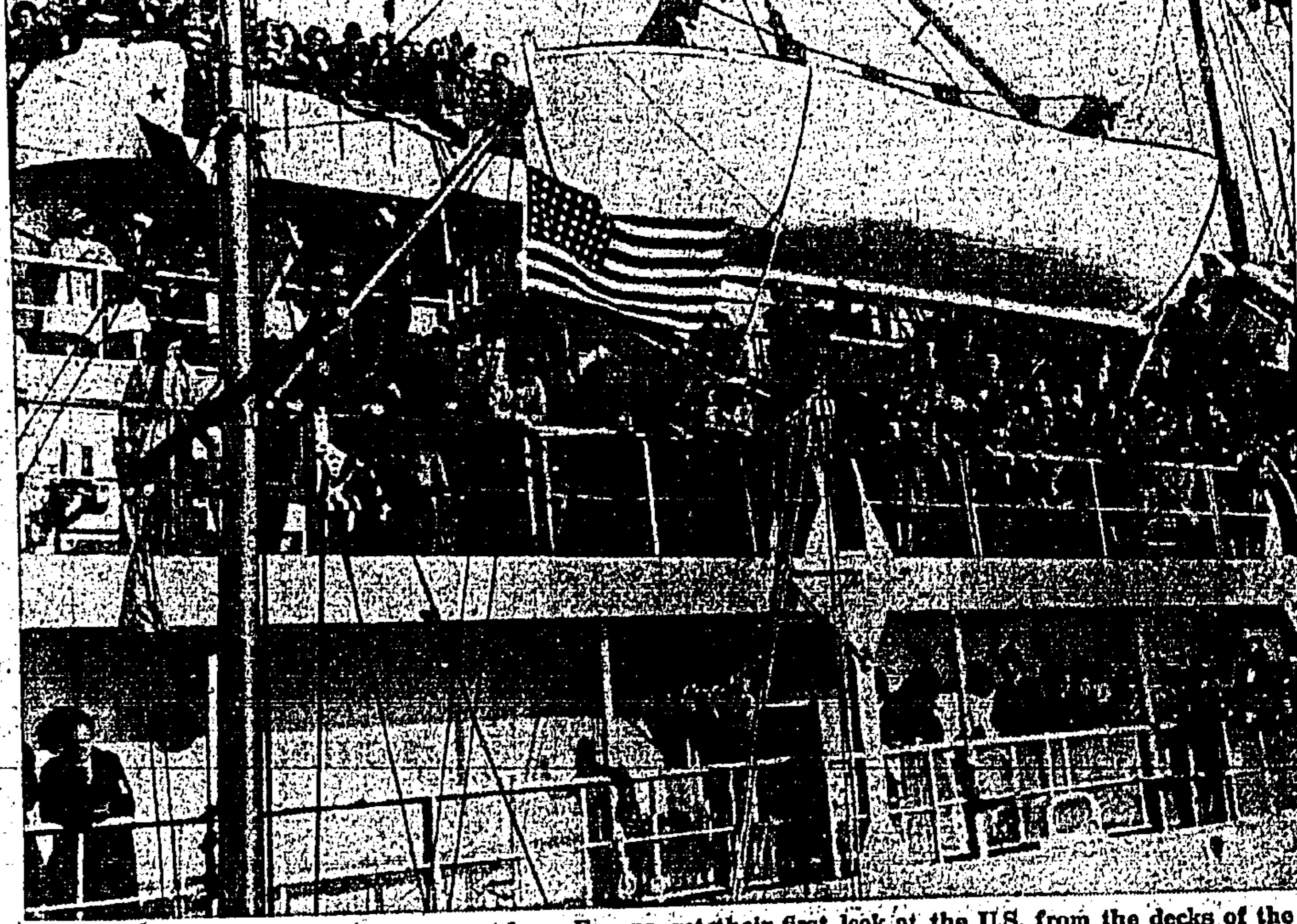
UNUSUAL ADOPTION—An addition to the family of Mr and Mrs Leroy Jenkins was eagerly welcomed when one-year-old Patricia, above, was taken into their Dallas, Texas, home. Patsy, like her two new foster parents, is blind. Douglas, three-year-old son of the blind couple, is the only one of the happy foursome with normal sight.



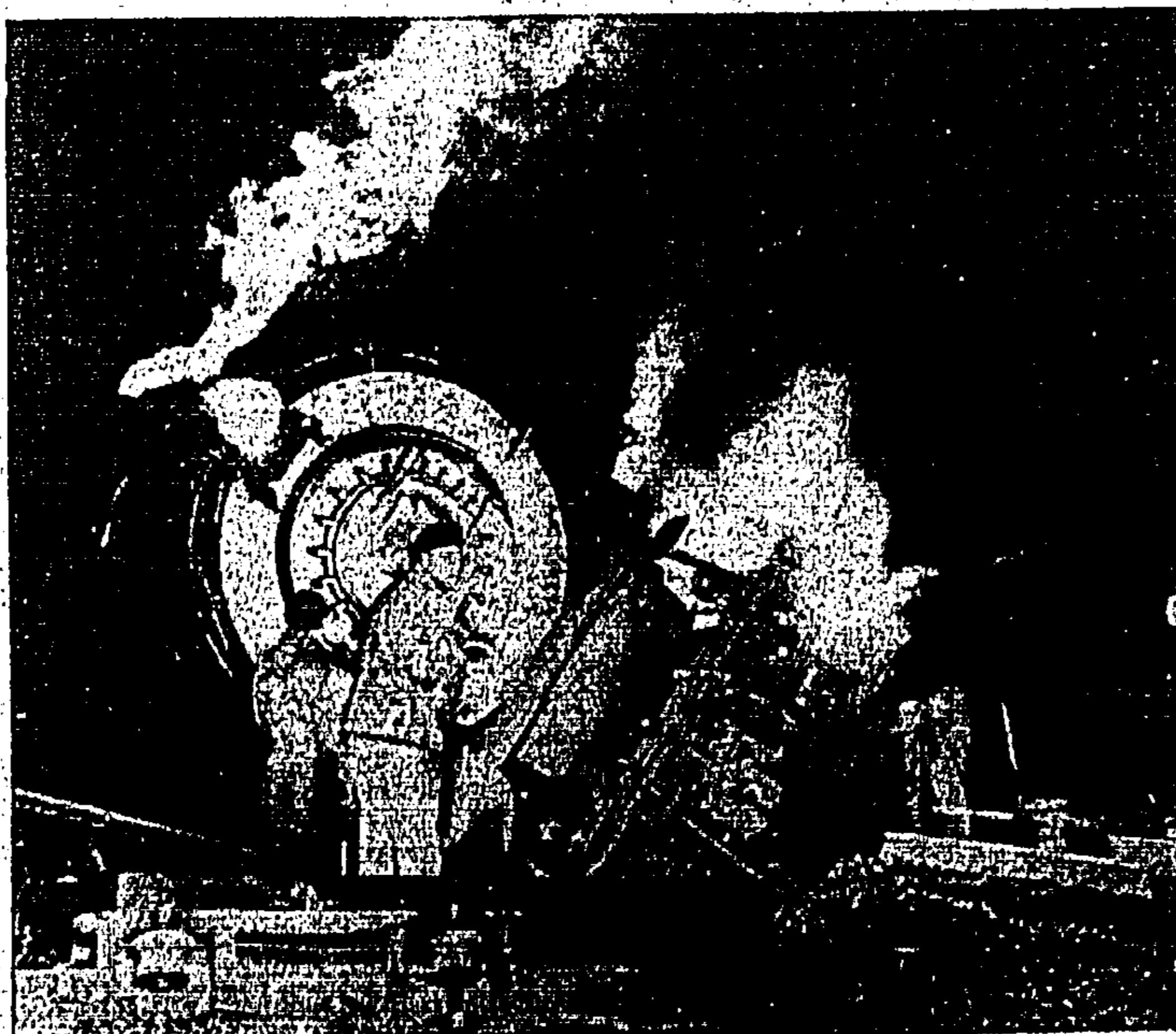
WHAT AN ACT—Someone gave Jimmy Durante this pumpkin lantern with the inflated "schnozzle," and the comedian seems somewhat taken aback. It happened at a Hallowe'en party in Hollywood.



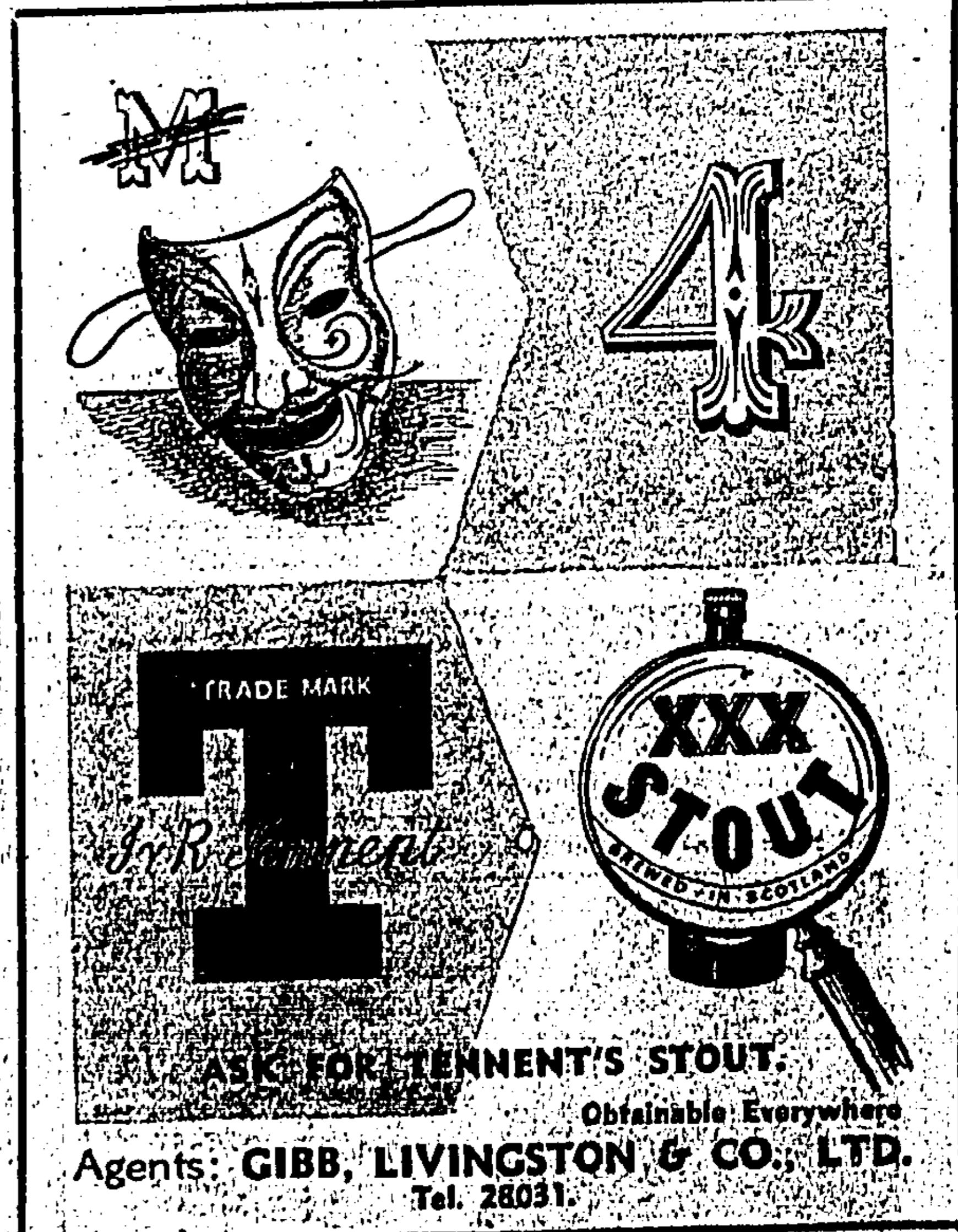
TURN TO AND SWAB DOWN—Two-year-old Lawrence M. Moffett, returning to New York in the liner Vulcania, goes about the meticulous task of cleaning up the deck. He went to Egypt to visit his grandparents.



JOURNEY'S END—Displaced persons from Europe, get their first look at the U.S. from the decks of the U.S. Army transport General Black. Numbering 813, they are the first of 205,000 to arrive under the Displaced Persons Act. Each smile reveals the culmination of a dream come true.



IRON HORSE BOILS—This locomotive belches steam as a wrecking crew works to right it after a New York bound Long Island train hit an open switch. The engine, tender and first coach left the rails, but no one was injured.



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H.K. Realty Shares To Be Divided

THIS MORNING'S MEETINGS

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., held at the offices of Wheelock, Marden & Co., Ltd., this morning, a resolution was passed that the present capital of the Company, namely 200,000 shares of HK\$10, be sub-divided into 2,000,000 shares of HK\$1 each.

The Chairman, Mr G. E. Marden, stated:

Before formally proposing the special Resolutions which this Meeting has been called to consider, I ought to tell you the reasons which have caused your Board to make the proposals to you. In the first place all of the printed copies of the Articles except one having been destroyed during the course of the war, we were faced with the necessity of preparing others and it was logical that the Articles should be brought up to date.

In addition certain Articles have been varied and others introduced for the purpose of appointing Messrs. Wheelock, Marden & Co., Ltd. as the General Managers and Secretaries.

The Chairman of the General Managers will be Chairman of the Company and certain other variations have been made to bring these changes properly into effect.

As you are aware, the shares of the Company are mostly held by Messrs. Wheelock, Marden & Co., Ltd., and their associates and as it is intended to make a placement of the shares on the Stock Exchange

and so permit their redistribution, it has been thought desirable to sub-divide into smaller denominations.

NEW ARTICLES

The copy of the new Articles which is before you has been available for your inspection since the 10th November, 1948.

I now have pleasure in proposing the following Resolution—that the present Capital of the Company namely 200,000 shares of HK\$10.00 each be and is hereby sub-divided into 2,000,000 shares of HK\$1.00 each.

Mr Ellis Hayim seconded the Resolution, which was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

The chairman then proposed the following Resolution: That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for purpose of identification, subscribed by George Ernest Marden, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company.

This Resolution was seconded by the Hon. P. S. Cassidy, put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

Present at the meeting were: Mr G. E. Marden (Chairman), Messrs C. Blaker, P. S. Cassidy, D. C. Davis and Ellis Hayim (Directors), Mr W. G. E. Lannaman (Representing Wheelock, Marden & Co., Ltd. Secretaries and Shareholders), J. L. Marden (Representing Youngize Finance Co., Ltd. Shareholders), Messrs F. J. Norman-Fisher, J. D. Clague and J. C. L. Pearce (Shareholders), representing in all a total of 190,340 shares.

ANNUAL MEETING

Following the Extraordinary General Meeting, the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders was held, and was attended by the same officials of the Company and shareholders.

The Chairman stated:

Since the last Annual General Meeting you have met for the purpose of considering a Resolution to place your company in voluntary liquidation. This was not proceeded with as an offer to purchase the shares was received and accepted in respect of 97% of the shares of the Company.

Until after the close of the year which is now being reviewed, business was mainly confined to the realisation of investments and property but a subsidiary was incorporated as Harriman Realty Co., Ltd. for the purpose of acquiring the goodwill and assets of the Real Estate business carried on by Mr G. Harriman. This proved a very satisfactory investment and since the close of the year has continued to be such. Other investments have since been made whilst others are contemplated and it is anticipated that they will prove favourable.

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POSTWAR OVERDRAFT

On the assets side of the Balance Sheet you will see that investments other than that in the subsidiary company, whilst small, are at cost, whilst the amount due from the subsidiary represents the cost of acquisition and incorporation of the business.

The amount at Sundry Debtors has since been received whilst you will observe the large amount of cash and the provision for repayment of the postwar overdraft which yesterday's legislation will doubtless result in clearing.

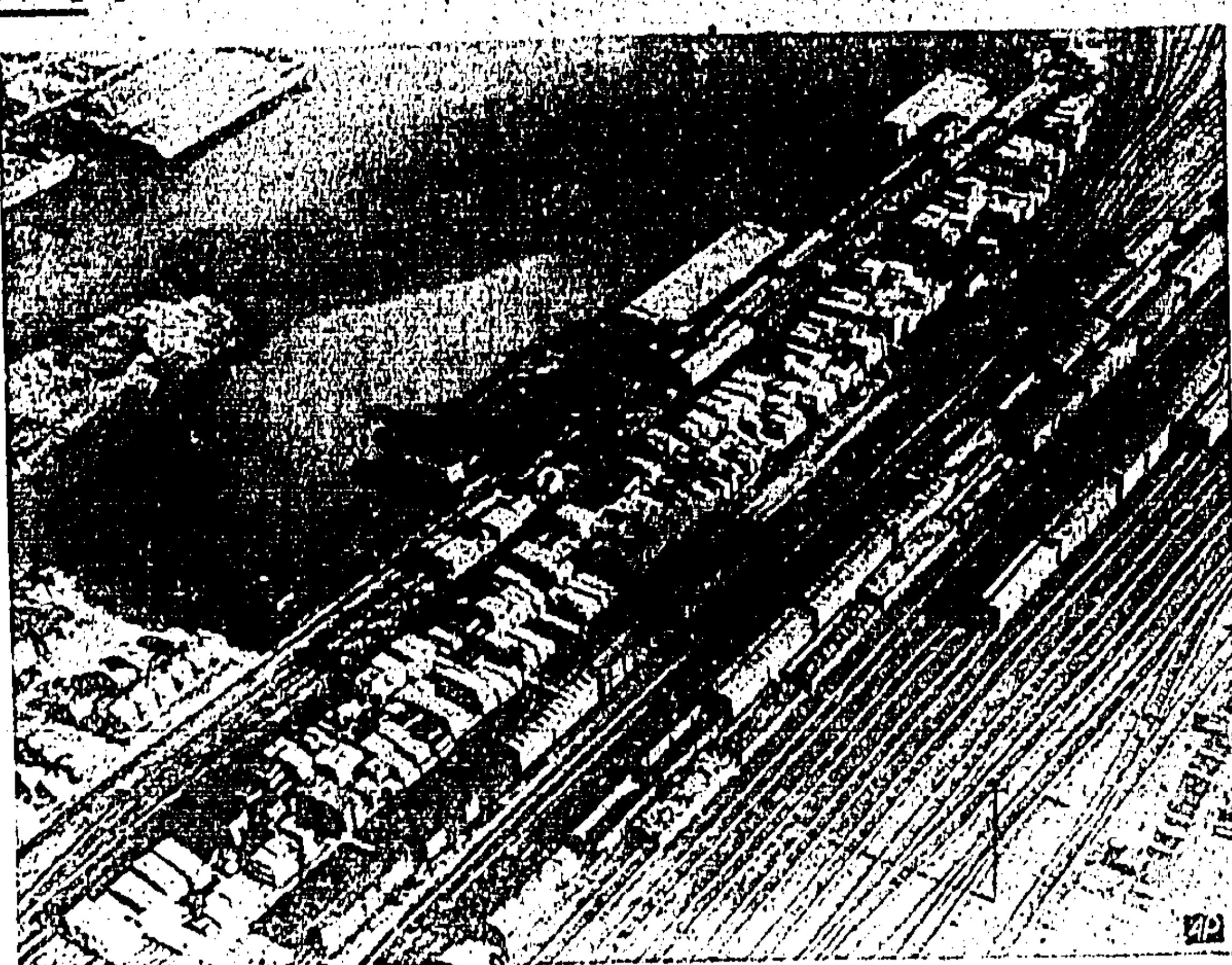
ADVANCE ON CHAHAR

Tientsin, Dec. 2.—Kaigun came into the North China military picture last night with reports that General Nieh Yung-cheng's Communist forces in West Chahar were advancing towards Chahar, the capital: 180 kilometres from Peking, along the Peking-Suyuan railway.

Fighting was proceeding about 25

kilometres west of Kaigun. The reports said the invaders consisted of Mongol Red cavalry.—Reuter.

Supplies Pile Up At Waterfront



S'hai Commander Condemns Panic

MAKES AN APPEAL FOR PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

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COMMUNIST DEFENDED IN COMMONS

Shanghai, Dec. 1.—The Commander for the Shanghai-Nanking area, General Tang En-po, tonight lashed out at the widespread panic among various classes of people who have started to leave Shanghai and Nanking to places of safety.

Tang appeared at a reception, General

Tang appealed for public confidence in the Government's ability to defend these vital centres. He said

that only through the public's co-operation could the Government stem the surging tide of the Communists.

General Tang declared that Chinese

Communism is not a domestic but a world problem. What is happening in China today, he pointed out, is due to "the legacy of nine years of

of global war."

At the same reception, General

Chien Ta-chun, commander of the

Shanghai Garrison, appealed for a

reawakening of the spirit which held

itself successfully against the Japanese

invasions of 1932 and 1937.

Mr Cheng Chang-po, a State

Councillor and president of the

Shiawnpao, an influential Chinese

daily, urged immediate action against

foreign and Chinese newspapers

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EVACUATION SHIPS

Geneva, Dec. 1.—The International Refugee Organization today assigned three more ships—making five in all—to evacuate European refugees threatened by the spreading civil war in China.

They are the 3,728-ton Swedish ship, San Francisco, the 5,042-ton Norwegian Protea, and the 7,304-ton Panamanian Protea.

They will go to China in January or February to evacuate the remaining 3,135 refugees who have immigration visas for resettlement.

If the war in China demands emergency action, all the 17,000 European refugees will be evacuated by a shuttle service, possibly to Japan or Australia.

The other two ships, the 7,003-ton Italian Castel Bianco and the 7,007-ton Argentine Wooster Victory have already left Australia. They will reach a Chinese port early in December and embark 1,700 refugees, mainly Jewish, for a Mediterranean port.—Reuter.

Drove Unlicensed Tricycles

Four men arrested in Wan Chai and West Point yesterday for driving tricycles without a licence, were fined \$20 each by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central.

Mr Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. were re-appointed Auditors of the Company at a remuneration to be agreed upon by the Directors. This was proposed by Mr W. G. E. Lannaman and seconded by Mr J. C. L. Pearce.

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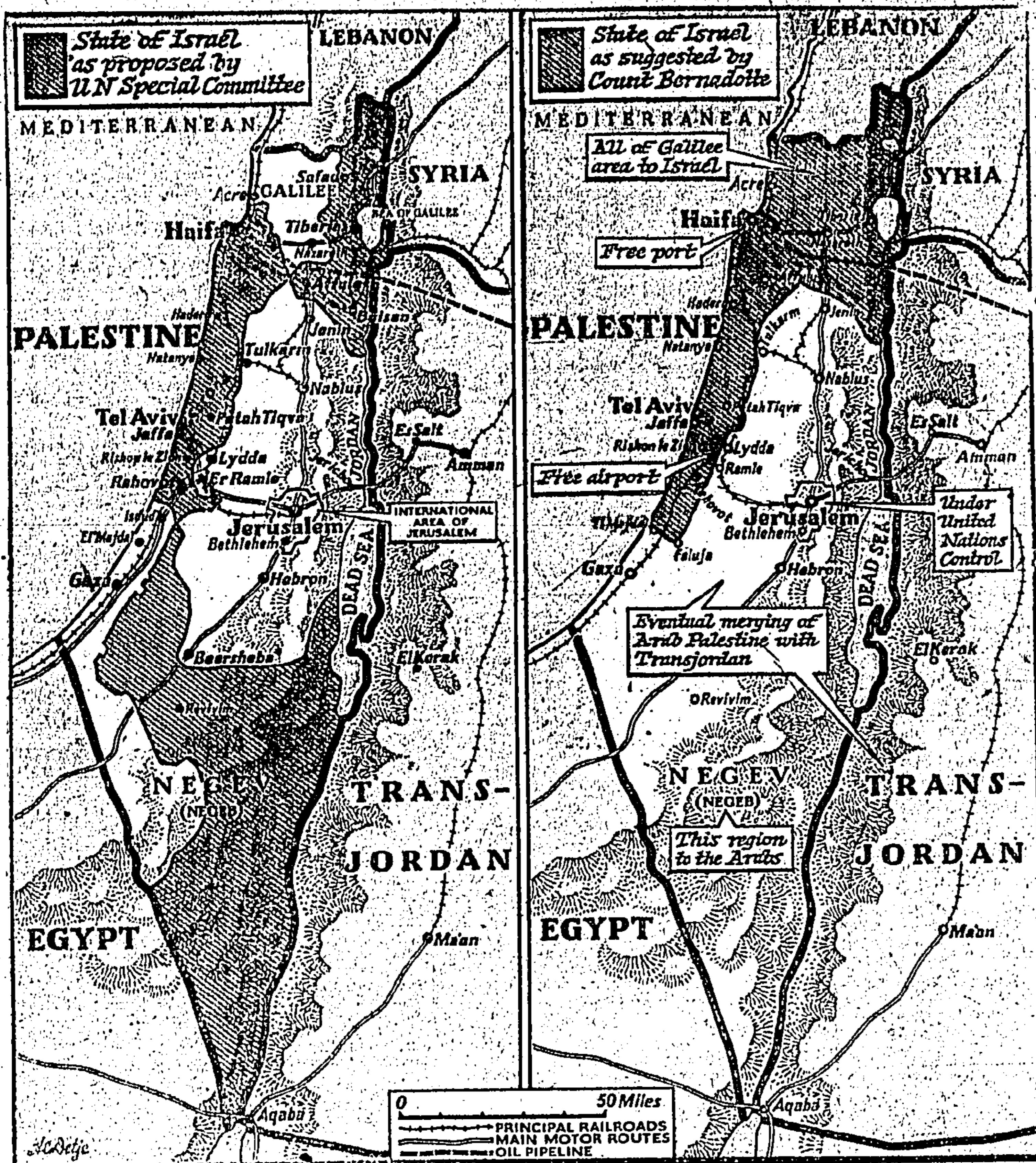
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Jap Anti-Strike Bill Designed To Control Reds' Machinations

Tokyo, Dec. 1.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's statement today on the passage of the new Japanese public service legislation was interpreted by observers as a warning that the Supreme Commander will oppose efforts of the Communist minority to seize control of Japan's government.

The new legislation governing public employees will severely handicap Japanese Communists' efforts to make their influence felt through Red-dominated workers' groups. The new legislation, which was originally suggested by Gen. MacArthur himself, prohibits more than 2,000,000 government workers from striking.

ERP BRINGS NEW HOPES FOR PEACE

New York, Dec. 1.—Mr. Paul Hoffman, Chief of the Economic Co-operation Administration (ECA), said in New York on Wednesday that ERP has brought a new spirit of cooperation in Western Europe that is "our best hope of peace."

Mr. Hoffman, who goes to London next Saturday on the start of a world ECA inspection, was addressing a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"ECA already has resulted in a substantial increase in Europe's productivity. But an even more important result is a real start toward breaking down the barriers that divide Europe into separate uneconomic segments."

SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS

He listed as "solid achievements" the intra-European currency clearance programme to expedite credits effective on November 1, the economic merging of the Benelux countries negotiations between Italy and France on a new Customs Union, and Britain's offer of more than \$300,000,000 in credits to European nations.

"These steps are only the beginning," Mr. Hoffman said. "We expect that further efforts to break down national barriers to increased trade in Europe will multiply in scope and effectiveness. We intend to encourage them with all the force and pressure we can muster."

Mr. Hoffman said agreements between the United States and EEC countries "do not give us the right to dictate to nations as to their form of economic organisation."

"As long as they remain free nations with a free ballot, the kind of economic organisation under which they operate is their business," Associated Press.

Russians Discover A New Comet

Moscow, Dec. 1.—A new comet, described as the brightest seen for 10 years, has been under observation for several days by astronomers at St. Petersburg, in the far south of the USSR.

The comet is easily visible to the naked eye due to its brilliancy and the length of its tail—16 degrees. It can be seen at dawn in the constellation of Hydra, near the sun. Reuter.

PALESTINE PROBLEM: These two maps illustrate the problem now confronting the United Nations of dividing Palestine between the Arabs and the Jews. The Bernadotte plan (right) was originally supported by Britain who has since agreed to the American solution (left), whereby the Jews receive a large section of the Negev, but less territory in the north.

CHURCHILL SUPPORTS THE GOVT!

London, Dec. 1.—Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, in the House of Commons tonight supported a Government bill to increase compulsory service in the armed forces from 12 to 18 months but accused the Government of "squandering the country's resources."

Disagreeing with the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, that the extension was necessitated by the deteriorating International situation, Mr. Churchill said the "darkening foreign situation" had not changed since the Government decided on a 12-month period 18 months ago after a section of Labour Members had opposed the Cabinet's original proposal of 18 months.

The whole story constituted not only an "error of judgment, but a lapse from public duty under party pressure," he said.

THE UNCERTAIN QUESTION

"We have lived under the protection of the atomic bomb since the early days of this Parliament," he said. "The uncertain question has been: what are the intentions of the group of oligarchs in control of the Kremlin?"

Mr. Alexander said events in Malaya and the Far East had shown there was a possibility or at least danger of new commitments. If the 12 months' period was adhered to, January 1, 1950, the Army would have about 195,000 regulars and 100,000 to 110,000 conscripts and the Royal Air Force 127,000 regulars and 40,000 to 50,000 conscripts.

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CABINET RESIGNS

Damascus, Dec. 1.—The Syrian Cabinet headed by Jamil Mardam Bey resigned today. The Syrian Parliament adjourned tonight after the resignation of the Cabinet.

The Syrian President, Shukri Bey El-Kouandy, asked the Deputies to forget their differences and form a Government of "National Unity." Reuter.

Probe Into Wholesale Divorces

FALSE TESTIMONY ABOUT ADULTERY

New York, Dec. 1.—The records for all divorces granted in New York County were ordered to be turned over to the District Attorney for scrutiny today as the investigation of wholesale divorces snowballed.

The State Supreme Court Justice, Irving Levey handed down the order at the request of the District Attorney, Frank S. Hogan. Mr. Hogan said he planned to investigate particularly uncontested divorces granted here over the past two years and warned that some may be declared invalid.

As the investigation spread, legal sources frankly admitted that false testimony about "adultery" which had never been committed was a recourse, under the State's rigid divorce laws, of couples of limited means who desired a divorce. New York, which has the stiffest divorce laws of any State in the nation, recognises adultery as the only grounds for divorce.

LAWS EVADED

Widespread evasions of State divorce laws were brought to Mr. Hogan's attention when the 20-year-old mother of three came to him because she was dissatisfied with her pay for acting the role of "the other woman" in fake adultery trials.

After a month-long inquiry, the District Attorney's office arrested the girl, Mrs. Sami Ellis, and five men involved in the case: Max Zuckerman, 63, private detective, who admitted arranging hundreds of divorces for fees as low as US\$250 in the past four years by staging fake trials or providing false testimony of adultery; attorneys Barnet Muffs, 48, and Luther Georges, 61; Samuel Schneidman, 67, waterfront watchman, who acted as a professional witness; and Harold Ulanoff, 50, law clerk.

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